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**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT  
9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs AND Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mr. Cardigan Connor
- The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education & Library, Youth and Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool
- Attorney General, Mrs. Rachel Spearing
- Acting Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Jennyville Smith
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson
- Senior Ministerial Advisor – Health, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers
- Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture, Mr. Jeison Bryan

**EX MIN 26/001**

**EX MEMO 26/001 ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Senior Ministerial Advisor remained.

Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education & Library, Youth and Culture recused herself.

Council considered the Memorandum submitted by the Honourable Deputy Governor seeking approval of the award of the 2025 Island Scholarship.

Council was advised that, based on the 2025 Scholarship Rank Order Listing and the results provided by the Caribbean Examinations Council, Miss Rayana L. Webster was the candidate with the best claim to the Island Scholarship. Council noted that the recommendation was consistent with the Education Act and with the amendment to the Island Scholarship Award Criteria previously approved by Executive Council in December 2025.

Council further noted that Miss Webster commenced her studies in August 2025 and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, with the intention of progressing to postgraduate studies in pharmacy, and that the total cost of the scholarship would not exceed EC\$600,000.00.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

1. Approved the award of the Island Scholarship for 2025 to Miss Rayana L. Webster;
2. Confirmed that the scholarship shall be tenable for a period of up to six (6) years commencing in September 2025;
3. Approved that the total cost of the scholarship shall not exceed EC\$600,000.00, in accordance with the Education Act; and
4. Authorised the relevant officers to take all necessary administrative action to give effect to this decision.

Action: Hon. DG; PS, Ministry of Social Development and Education; PAS, MSDE; Chief Education Officer

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet prior to confirmation of the Minutes.

**EX MIN 26/002      EX MEMO 26/002 Approval of Mr. Fitzroy Tomlinson as Advisor to the Festivals Development Commission appointed by Executive Power.**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Senior Ministerial Advisor remained.

The Honourable Minister of Social Development and Education briefed Council on the memorandum submission seeking approval for the appointment Mr. Fitzroy Tomlinson as Advisor to the Festivals Development Commission.

Executive Council approved the appointment of Mr. Mr. Fitzroy Tomlinson as Advisor to the Festival Development Commission with a remuneration of EC\$96,780 per annum, subject to the review of the draft contract by the Attorney General's Chambers.

Action: PS, Ministry of Social Development and Education; PAS, MSDE;

**EX MIN 26/003      EX MEMO 26/003 UPDATE ON THE APS REFORM**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture, Senior Ministerial Advisor and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture remained.

Dr. Kelly Clark, Public Sector Reform Advisor joined the meeting.

Council received for information an update from the Honourable Deputy Governor on the reform of the Anguilla Public Service.

Council was briefed on progress to date, including the development of a Draft Five-Year Public Service Transformation Strategy and Action Plan, the modernisation

of the General Orders and Public Service Commission Regulations, the establishment of an Office of the Deputy Governor, and the planned Leadership Development Programme. Council noted that the Strategy and Action Plan were scheduled to be formally launched at a public townhall event on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

Council further noted the importance of continued ministerial leadership, advocacy, and engagement to ensure the successful implementation of the reform programme.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

1. Noted the update on the Public Service Reform initiative and the approach and timelines for implementation;
2. Noted the Draft Five-Year Public Service Transformation Strategy and Action Plan;
3. Noted the planned townhall launch of the Strategy and Action Plan on Wednesday 21st January 2026; and
4. Endorsed the continued role of Executive Council and Ministers in providing leadership and advocacy for the success of the reform initiative.

Action: Hon, DG; PS, Public Administration

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